

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-34 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein, and add new Claims 35-41, as follows.

Claims 1-34 (Cancelled)

35. (New) A developer supply container for supplying a developer, said developer supply container being detachably mountable to an image forming apparatus, said developer supply container comprising:

a container body for containing the developer;

a discharging opening, provided in said container body, for permitting discharge of developer from said container body; and

a shutter member for opening and closing said discharging opening by rotation thereof,

wherein said shutter member has a plurality of communicating portions for fluid communication with said discharging opening.

36. (New) A container according to Claim 35, wherein said communicating portions are such that communicating cross-sectional areas formed by said communicating portions and said discharging opening are substantially the same.

37. (New) A container according to Claim 35, wherein said communicating portions include first and second openings and first and second closing portions for closing said discharging opening.

38. (New) A container according to Claim 36, wherein said communicating portions include first and second openings and first and second closing portions for closing said discharging opening.

39. (New) A container according to any one of Claims 35 to 38, wherein said first closing portion, said first opening, said second closing portion and said second opening are disposed in the order named with respect to a rotational direction of said shutter member, and wherein said first opening and said second opening are disposed opposed to each other, and said first closing portion and said second closing portion are disposed opposed to each other.

40. (New) A container according to Claim 39, wherein an opening operation for opening said discharging opening and a closing operation for closing said discharging opening are capable of being effected by rotating said shutter member unidirectionally.

41. (New) A container according to Claim 39, wherein an opening operation for opening said discharging opening and a closing operation for closing said discharging opening are capable of being effected by rotating said shutter member in two directions.